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## **Holiday Schedule for New Year's Day, January 1**

Montgomery County government will observe the following schedule for Christmas, December 25 & New Year's Day, January 1:

**County Offices** – Closed December 25 and January 1.

**Libraries** – Closed December 25 and January 1. On December 24 and 31, all branches close at 6 p.m.

**Department of Liquor Control retail stores** – Closed December 25 and January 1.

**Recreation** – All facilities closed and all programs cancelled.

**Montgomery Parks** – For special programs, events and operating schedule, including Brookside Gardens, ice rinks and tennis centers, visit [www.MontgomeryParks.org](http://www.MontgomeryParks.org).

**Ride On** – Christmas Eve, December 24 – Service ends at 10 p.m.; Christmas Day, December 25 - Sunday schedule. New Year's Day, January 1 – Sunday schedule

**Metrorail** – Information available at [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com).

**Metrobus** – Information available at [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com).

**TRiPS Commuter Store at Silver Spring Transit Center** – Closed December 25 and January 1.

**TRiPS Mobile Commuter Store** – Closed December 25 and January 1.

**County-provided refuse/recycling pickup** – County-provided trash and recycling collection is cancelled Tuesday, December 25. Collection will slide by one day with the last pickup on Saturday, December 29. County-provided trash and recycling collection is cancelled Tuesday, January 1. Collection will slide by one day with the last pickup on Saturday, January 5.

**The Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station** – Monday, December 24 – facility closes at 3 p.m.; Tuesday, December 25 – entire facility closed. On Monday, December 31, the facility closes at 3 p.m.; Tuesday, January 1 – entire facility closed.

**Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters** – Normal parking fees and regulations will be in effect on Christmas Eve, December 24 and New Year's Eve, December 31. Parking will be free on Christmas Day, December 25 & New Year's Day, January 1.

**State offices and courts** – Closed December 25 and January 1.

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***Cancelled***

**UCAB Land Use Committee Meeting**

**Monday, January 7, 2019 7:00pm**

**Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center, Meeting Room A**

**12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

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## Notes from County Executive's Listening Sessions Available

***Residents & Stakeholders can still offer feedback until December 27!***

Over 1,300 residents attended the 8 sessions held around the county over the past 4 weeks! The County Executive looks forward to continuing conversations with residents at his 5 budget forums in January.

Notes and comments from the listening sessions will be compiled into a report that will be released on the Transition Website in January. Residents and stakeholders can still give feedback through the website [until December 27](https://elrichtransition.com/add-your-voice/) at this link: <https://elrichtransition.com/add-your-voice/>.

If you missed the sessions, you can watch Montgomery Community Media's coverage here: <https://www.mymcmedia.org/elrich-to-visit-potomac-for-listening-session/>

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### ***Coming in January!*** **Public Forums on the** **OPERATING BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2020** **(July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020)**

These forums will give residents, businesses, and other stakeholders the opportunity to contribute ideas that will be considered as the County Executive's Recommended Operating Budget is developed for fiscal year 2020. The county's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30.

**Mark your calendars for the Upcounty Forum!**

**Monday, January 14 7:00pm-8:30pm**  
**at BlackRock Center for the Arts**  
**12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown**

***There will be five forums, one in each Regional Area... More info coming soon!***

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## **Winter Break Fun Continues with Montgomery County Public Libraries in Upcounty**

Families looking for fun and creative ways to keep their children engaged during the winter break have plenty of options with Montgomery County Public Libraries. All activities are free. Children of all ages are welcome unless the activity description specifically identifies the event as appropriate for a specific age group.

- **Gingerbread Man Hunt**: Find the Gingerbread Man who is hiding throughout the library to earn rewards. Hiding places will change every day. [Germantown Library, 19840 Century Blvd., Germantown](#) Dec. 24–30; library open hours.
- **Happy Noon Year's Eve**: Ring in the New Year early with stories, crafts, and a count-down celebration to ring in the "Noon Year!" For ages 3 to 8; ages 5 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by Friends of the Library, Damascus Chapter. [Damascus Library, 9701 Main Street, Damascus](#) Monday, Dec. 31; 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

More information is available on [the MCPL website](#).

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## Elrich Seeks Applicants for Rustic Roads Advisory Committee

County Executive Marc Elrich is seeking applicants to fill two vacancies on the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee, for an individual who represents a civic association located in the agricultural reserve, and an individual with knowledge of roadway engineering through practical experience and training. **All members must be Montgomery County residents.**

The Rustic Roads Advisory Committee consists of seven voting members. Its duties include promoting public awareness of the Rustic Roads Program, and reviewing and commenting on: the classification of rustic roads, development proposals that affect rustic roads, and executive regulations and policies that may affect the Program.

Members serve three-year terms without compensation but are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. The committee meets at least six times per year; usually the fourth Tuesday evening of each month at 6:00pm in the Executive Office Building in Rockville.

County Executive Elrich is also seeking applicants for the following:

- **Commission on Aging**
- **Board of Electrical Examiners**
- **Library Board**
- **Board of Registration for Building Contractors – CORRECTED**

**The application deadline for all of these announcements is January 18, 2019. Please Note that the BCC Application Process is Online!!!**

Mr. Elrich is committed to representation on all of the County's boards, committees, and commissions that is reflective of, and responsive to, our County's residents. Public participation contributes to the work of County government and provides an important service to the community when a variety of issues, concerns, and viewpoints are presented.

You may access vacancy announcements for boards, committees, and commissions through the following link: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/boards/index.html> . Please read instructions carefully on that page, where you will find a link directly to the vacancy announcements.

Applicants of diverse backgrounds, professions, gender, geography, disability and ethnicity are encouraged to apply. Members of County boards, committees and commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time. Members of these boards must complete training on the Maryland Open Meetings Act and basic parliamentary procedure. Members are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. Elrich's appointments are generally subject to confirmation by the County Council. Applications of individuals selected for appointment are made public as part of the confirmation process.

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### ***Save the Date!***

**Montgomery County Honors Life and Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

**Monday, January 21 3:30pm**

**Music Center at Strathmore**

**5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda**

This special tribute ceremony is produced by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Committee and the Montgomery County Office of Human Rights, and will be held at the [Music Center at Strathmore](http://www.strathmore.org). The annual celebration spotlights Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's life through dramatic readings, music, dance performances.

Free tickets are required for this event and will only be distributed onsite the day of the performance starting at 2:30pm. Tickets are first-come, first served and everyone in line will receive a general admission ticket until the venue is filled. Come early to get the best seating. The line will form in the Music Center foyer, starting near the café. Patrons may enter on the third floor near the skybridge. Seating will begin at 3:00pm. For more information, go to <https://www.strathmore.org/events-and-tickets/mlk-tribute>

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## Montgomery County Community Grants Application Deadline is January 15, 2019

***Non-profit organizations serving County residents must apply by 4:00pm, January 15, 2019***

The Montgomery County FY 2020 Community Grants Program is currently accepting applications through Tuesday, January 15, 2019. Non-profit organizations that serve County residents and deliver services in Montgomery County are eligible to apply. [For more information about how to apply, visit the Council Grants website.](#)

### Grant Workshops Scheduled

[Register online](#) to reserve your space for info sessions in January:

- [COMMUNITY GRANTS INFORMATION WORKSHOP with the Emergency Assistance Coalition \(EAC\) managed by Interfaith Works](#)  
Wednesday, January 2, 2019  
10:30am - 11:30am  
Rockville Christian Church  
301 Adclare Rd, Rockville, MD 20850
- ["LAST CHANCE" COMMUNITY GRANTS OPEN OFFICE HOURS](#)  
Saturday, January 12, 2019  
10:00am - 1:00pm  
Council Office Building - Capital Crescent Conference Room (4th Floor)  
100 Maryland Ave, Rockville, MD 20850

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***Celebrate the Holidays  
at BlackRock Center for the Arts!***  
[www.blackrockcenter.org](http://www.blackrockcenter.org)



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## **Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection Accepting Holiday Trees for Recycling**

### ***Residents Should Put Their Live Christmas Tree at the Curb for Recycling After the Holidays***

As soon as holiday celebrations end, one of the main needs of many families is how to dispose of their holiday tree. Montgomery County is now collecting live trees as part of its regularly-scheduled recycling service. Although the County's recycling program does not have a deadline for collecting trees, it is highly recommended that trees be recycled soon after the holiday. Cut trees can become dry and then pose a threat as a fire hazard.

Residents need to place their trees for recycling curbside by 7:00pm on their regularly-scheduled recycling collection day. Trees must be free of decorations, including lights, tinsel and garland.

Collected trees are taken to the Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station (Transfer Station), where they are shredded and chipped for mulch. The facility is located at 16105 Frederick Road in Derwood.

Residents also can drop off their trees for recycling at the yard trim recycling area during normal operating hours of the Transfer Station. Wreaths, roping and other decorations with live branches and needles are only accepted for recycling if they are separated from wire and metal used to bind them. They also must be free from decorations. Live trees with root balls, or that have their roots intact, cannot be accepted for recycling.

Residents who live in apartments and condominiums should check with their property manager or representative for specific Christmas tree recycling instructions. Property managers of apartments and condominiums must arrange to recycle their residents' trees. Businesses and commercial properties also must recycle their live Christmas trees. Artificial trees are not recyclable in Montgomery County's recycling program.

Residents who want to dispose of their artificial trees are encouraged to post listings on their neighborhood list serve, local Freecycle group or similar reuse network. Otherwise, residents may request a bulk trash pickup for their artificial tree. If a resident has County-provided trash service, they may schedule a collection online or call 311. If a resident has privately-provided trash service, they should check with their collection company for instructions. For more information about Christmas tree recycling, visit the Christmas Tree Recycling website at <https://tinyurl.com/y8ud9l79>.

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**For other news and meeting agendas, visit:**

**County Council** [http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press\\_List.aspx?id=01](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01)

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases)

**Also check out the latest from:**

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingervices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org>